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FROM EARLY TO MRS ROSIE LEE HOOKS, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION DIV
OF PERFORMING ARTS

EO 11652: NA

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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL: GUYANA FOLKLORE

1. EARLY ARRIVED GEORGETOWN DEC 15.

2 30-MINUTE MEETING WITH MIN. OF CULTURE AND PERMANENT
SECRETARY OF MINISTRY ALONG WITH STEPNEY KIBBLE, DIRECTOR
USIS DEC 16. NO OTHER GUYANESE OFFICIALS PRESENT.

3. MINISTER EXPRESSED AS "COMPROMISE SENDING STEEL BAND."
MINISTER NOT FAVORABLE TO EARLY OBSERVING STEEL BAND BUT
HAS CONSENTED TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE VISIT FOR EARLY. NO
DEFINITE DATE SET TO SEE STEEL BAND.

4. MINISTER VERY EXPLICIT IN NOT CONSIDERING BERBICE,
BAGOTVILLE OR JUNKNOO GROUP FOR PARTICIPATION.

5. MINISTER DID NOT MENTION EAST INDIAN OR AMERINOIAN COMPONENT.

6. MINISTER NOT INTERESTED IN EARLY OBSERVING EAST INDIAN
GROUP OR TALKING WITH CULTURAL OFFICIALS.

7. EARLY'S OPINION THAT MINISTER NOT WILLING TO WORK
WITH DIASPORA CONCEPT AND THAT MINISTER POSITION MORE
RESTRICTED THAN INDICATED IN S.I. CABLES TO EARLY.

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8. MINISTER RATIONALE IS POLITICAL AND CENTERS ON MULTI-

RACIAL COMPOSITION OF GUYANA AND IMAGE PROJECTED TO OUTSIDE
WORLD THROUGH REPRESENTATION OF "FOLK" OF EITHER RACIAL GROUP.

9. EARLY WAITING FOR STEEL BAND OBSERVATION. SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE WASHINGTON VIA NY DEC 19 LATE EVENING.

10. EARLY REQUEST IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM S.I. IF NOT
RECEIVED BY THURSDAY MORNING EARLY WILL TELEPHONE S.I.

BRAZIL

1. EARLY MET WITH MAYOR BAHIA AND GOVERNOR OF STATE.
DEFINITE INTEREST EXPRESSED IN PARTICIPATION. FINANCE OF
GROUP MAJOR PROBLEM. GOVERNOR APPEARS LIKELY TO MODIFY GROUP
NUMBER ACCORDING TO FUNDS AVAILABLE. REQUESTED FULL REPORT
FROM EARLY RE: SI. PROGRAM. EARLY'S REPORT BEING TRANSLATED
BY USIS. COPY BEING SENT TO S.I.

SURINAME

1. EARLY MET WITH VAN AMSON AND DOBRU DEC 13 AND 14.
FINALIZED GROUP COMPOSITION AND DESCRIPTION. GERALD WUNSCH,
U.S. VICE CONSUL FORWARDING REPORT TO S.I. EARLY UNABLE TO
MEET MINISTER OF CULTURE. TOLD NOT IMPORTANT BY VAN AMSON,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

2. SITUATION APPEARS POSITIVE.

3. US VICE CONSUL REQUEST INFO BE SURINAME MINISTER
OF CULTURE LETTER TO S.I.
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